

Philadelphia, Pa.

The Lord has been using us to do some seed sowing in our Allentown Mission. For three weeks we have done some week day preaching there. We came home over each Sunday. The congregations have been much larger than ever before. While we only baptized two we believe there has been a good work done in strengthening the membership and getting a number of new people to attend. We hope to see the Lord do some precious gathering before long. Some wanted us to hold the meetings another week as a number were almost persuaded but on account of the pressure of home duties and the very busy time, we felt that it was the Lord's will that we should close for the present. We hope by early fall we may give them more attention and do some reaping.

We did mostly watering, preached but a few revival sermons; the next meeting, if the Lord will, we will pray and work primarily for the salvation of souls.

Surely this mission is the Lord's planting. The first sister became converted in the Methodist church, but in reading her Bible she felt she would be immersed by Trine Immersion. She was referred to me by a German Baptist. After corresponding she came to the city to be baptized. She came against the will of her parents, her gentleman friend to whom she was engaged to be married. Indeed she forsook all for Christ. She persuaded her father who reluctantly assisted her to find a place to preach a few sermons. As a result of these two sermons two noble girls (younger sisters of the one mentioned) gave their hearts to God. The father and mother became warm friends to our work. Soon after this, Brother Heckler, of Philadelphia, who was then a German Baptist, said: "you go and rent a hall and I will foot the bill." And so we obeyed and soon received six German Baptists, and among the number the father and mother of the girl first baptized. For more than a year a Baptist congregation very kindly opened their church for us. A kindness that almost all of us consider providential, such as we never witnessed before in all our experience.

While we could have continued to use the church, the Lord put it into the hearts of these people to build a Brethren church. A few devoted sisters went to work and started a society, and the men helped, and in less than a year they had over \$300.

All poor in purse but rich in grace, went to work and in a short time had more than a thousand dollars. They bought a \$1000 lot for \$800, received a donation of \$200, went to work and erected a beautiful brick structure, building and ground worth considerable more than \$3000, and while they carry considerable debt, they do not expect it ever to give them trouble. While it may take eight or ten years to pay it off they have both the grace and grit to do it. They have been gradually lessening the debt for the last year and will keep it up until every dollar is liquidated. All poor members. This first lady

I spoke of, out of hard earned money she made working in a mill gave \$75 towards her church. Others gave in proportion. God will ever stand by such love and sacrifice. Their unity, love, sacrifice, zeal and consecration lays in the shade our home work in Philadelphia. If they could find some thoroughly consecrated, spirit filled young preacher who would have the spirit of sacrifice that this mission has and would agree to work a little while for his board and clothing and a few extra dollars for books, and grow up with the church; this daughter would soon become stronger than its mother—the Philadelphia church.

If I was a single man and had no one to provide for but myself I would not want a better opportunity to build up a good work and by and by get a good living salary. But as long as they are not able to take care of themselves and no such man can be found we will give them preaching every week from the city. Our mission workers and I take turn about and fill their pulpit gratis.

Brethren, my heart burns within me when I see what we could do if we would. O, I am indeed ashamed that I have not done more mission work for the Lord. When I see what I have done and then see what I could have done I cry unto the Lord to be forgiven and to help me to do more; and yet when I see others so much more talented some of which have done practically nothing, I entercede the Lord to revive his work among us.

I sometimes think when I see that I have helped to build a dozen churches and have received between one and two thousand members in the church in a dozen years that the Lord has helped me to do a big work and then again when I think that on Pentecost in one day there were three thousand saved and a little later five thousand, then multitudes added and in two score years Paul preached the gospel over two continents, it makes me feel very small. When I think what the unlearned apostles did and what Paul did, seeing the disadvantages they had in traveling, and how they were despised and considered as the off scourings of the world; and yet they surmounted every obstacle and went on to success. When I consider the advantages we have in every way and yet have done almost nothing in comparison to them, I feel that we ought to become deeply convicted and have Pentecostal prayer meetings, instead of hacking each other to pieces over little technicalities, and fall upon our faces and cry for pardon, love, faith and power for the salvation and sanctification of souls.

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We need to learn how to pray. We need to pray without ceasing. We ought always to pray and never faint. Let us enroll our names as pupils in the school of prayer and cry unto our Teacher, "Lord teach us to pray." Brethren pray for us.

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## Milledgeville Notes

We have no great things to report, but are still at work and find plenty of evil to oppose. The latest was a license ticket at the village election. Thru considerable agitation and some anti-license preaching the ticket was defeated. The conflict succeeded in awakening the Christian people to the fact that when he thinks he is secure, then the devil makes his attack. Hereafter, I think the Christians will be more secure because of their consciousness of weakness and danger. Our prayer meeting is increasing in attendance and interest. At present we are studying special subjects and giving plenty of time to them. Our last subject was sanctification. We have spent two evenings on its study and will complete it next week. At this writing the church is arranging for the payment of the indebtedness on the parsonage. It is needless to say it will succeed, but we need spiritual success as well.

Fraternally,

R. R. TEETER

## Notice

All members of the Brethren churches in Virginia and Maryland who expect to attend the District Convention to be held at Reliance, Va., May 16, 17, and 18, and who wish to be met at the trains should notify the following brethren not later than May 10, so arrangements can be made for meeting them. Reliance is three miles from the railroads. Parties coming over the B. & O. R. R., stop off at Middletown. Notify W. H. Spiggle, Meadow Mills, Va. Those coming over N. W. R. R., get off at Cedarville. Notify S. M. Little, Reliance, Va. Please come on early trains if possible. No one will be met late in the evening on night trains. Ministers and delegates please take notice.

W. H. SPIGGLE, Cor. Sec.

Meadow Mills, Va.

Bombard satan's fortifications in such a warlike way that he won't mistake it for a salute of honor.

"A man's world is what his heart makes it to be. When his heart changes, the world changes."